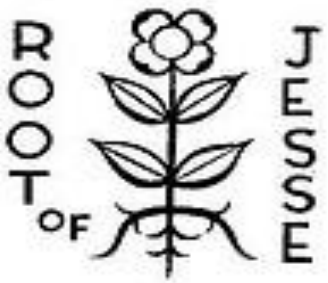
"O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, mightily ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence."

"O Adonai and ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai: Come with an outstretched arm and redeem us."



"O Root of Jesse, standing as an ensign before the peoples, before whom all kings are mute, to whom the nations will do homage: Come quickly to deliver us."

"O Key of David and scepter of the house of Israel, You open and no one can close, You close and no one can open: Come and rescue the prisoners who are in darkness and in the shadow of death."

"O Dayspring, splendor of light everlasting: Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."

"O King of the nations, the ruler they long for, the cornerstone uniting all people: Come and save us all, whom You formed out of clay."

"O Emmanuel, our king and our Lord, the anointed for the nations and their Savior: Come and save us, O Lord our God."

These 7 "Antiphons" were used in the early church during worship, and also for personal devotion. On the seven days leading up the Christmas, each prayer would be prayed at the beginning and end of the day. They serve as a reminder of who it is who came to us that first Christmas.